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On 10 January 2000, the Security Council convened an open meeting (4087th) to consider the item entitled "The situation in Africa: the impact of AIDS on peace and security in Africa". As a result of the discussion held during the meeting and following further consultations on this question, the members of the Council recognized the negative impact of AIDS on peace and security on the continent and worldwide and considered that it is high time for the United Nations to elaborate a comprehensive and effective agenda for action against the epidemic of HIV/AIDS. In this connection, the members of the Security Council suggest that the General Assembly may wish to review the problem of HIV/AIDS in all its aspects and to consider proposing new strategies, methods, practical activities and specific measures to strengthen international cooperation in addressing this problem.

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